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Tupelo Parks and Recreation



Contact Numbers

Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center	(662) 841-3791
Golf Shop	(662) 841-6446
City Park Tennis Courts	(662) 687-2445
Lee Acres Center	(662) 841-6452
Grounds Maintenance Shop	(662) 844-4676
Maintenance Operation Shop	(662) 841-6436
Oren Dunn City Museum	(662) 841-6438
Rec-Check	(662) 842-8422
Tupelo Aquatic Center	(662) 840-3768

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Rental & Recreational Facilities

Rockwell Center

1199 Joyner Avenue

[Call for Pricing](#)

Fee includes 1 large room/1 small room, kitchen facility, 20 6ft tables (rectangle) tables and chairs for 100 people. This facility is used mainly for birthday parties, family reunions and dances.

Augustus Center

1400 North Green Street

[\\$100.00 rental fee, \\$100.00 damage deposit](#)

Fee includes 1 room for up to 100 people , 10 6ft Tables (rectangle) & chairs for 75 people. This facility is used for various get-togethers. The Augustus Center is available for neighborhood activities.

Bel-Air Center

2107 Country Club Road

[\\$400.00 rental fee, \\$125.00 damage deposit](#)

Fee includes two large rooms, full kitchen, patio area, 15 Round Tables, 2 6ft Tables (rectangle), 5 8ft Tables (rectangle) and chairs for 100 people

Contact Pat Clark, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for rental information 662-841-3791 (after hours please leave message).

Ballard Park

655 Rutherford Road

West Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 150 people)

East Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds up to 30 people)

Gazebo \$50.00 per day (weddings/church services)

Stage [Fee depends on size/type of event.](#)

Hancock Park

310 Monument Drive

Pavilion \$50.00 – per day (holds 25-30 people)

Theron Nichols

1743 Mitchell Road

Pavilion \$50.00 – per day (holds 25-30 people)

Veterans Park

800 North Veterans Boulevard

Veterans Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 75 people)

Veterans Memorial Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (Holds approximately 40 people)

Gum Tree Park

683 North Front Street

Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 75 people)

Recreational Center (Non-Rental Facility) 906 Fillmore Drive

Dot Cooper-Kelly Park at Lee Acres offers a complete weight room, portable indoor basketball court, racquetball court, aerobics room and a ping pong table. Outdoor basketball court and tennis courts and a variety of board games, contests, and sports tournaments.

[Center hours are Monday-Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm](#)

A.M. Strange Building

579 N. Green Street

[\\$25.00 rental fee](#)

Meeting space for 25-30 people. Includes table and chairs.

**All Facility rentals are one day only from 8:00 am-10:00 pm.
Contact Neely Turner for Rental Information at 662-841-6440.**

2015 Calendar

January

- 3 Disc Golf Club Championship
- 5 Back to School Splash–Tupelo Aquatic Center
Recreational Basketball Season Resumes
- 9-11 Shockwave Short Course Swim Meet
- 13 Special Olympic Swim Practice Begins
- 20-Feb. 6 Spring Registration for Softball, Baseball
- 24-25 Tupelo Adult Indoor Tennis Tournament

February

- 2 Registration for City Wide Sidewalk Sale booth spaces
- 3-28 Black History/Shakerag Exhibit–Oren Dunn City Museum
- 6 High School Tennis Challenge
- 6-8 Shockwave Invitational Swim Meet–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 7 Director's Cup Championship Game
- 9-March 6 Adult Softball Registration
- 12-14 Lifeguard Class–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 14 Krewe Of Barkus–Veterans Memorial (Veterans Park)
- 17 Spring Soccer Resumes
- 19-22 Mississippi Swimming, Inc. Short Course State Championship–
Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 21 Mooreville High School Softball Jamboree
- 28-March 1 TYSA DII Soccer Tournament

March

- 5-8 Water Safety Instructor Class–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 3-31 Hispanic Heritage Month–Oren Dunn City Museum
- 9-12 Open Recreation Swim–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 11-13 Lifeguard Certification Class–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 13-15 Julie Fulton Global World Series Qualifier
- 20 High School Softball Jamboree
- 21 Special Olympic Splash Swim Meet–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 23-April 10 Challenger Softball Registration
- 27-29 March Madness AA Only Baseball Tournament
- 28 Underwater Easter Egg Hunt–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 31 Adult Softball League Begins

April

- 1-30 Tupelo Strong Tornado Exhibit–Oren Dunn City Museum
- 3-4 Easter Bunny Baseball Tournament
- 7-9 High School Tennis District Tournament
- 11 Children's Fishing Rodeo
City Wide Sidewalk Sale
Youth Softball Opening Day
- 13 Youth Baseball Opening Day
- 16 Community College Tennis State Tournament
- 16-19 Lifeguard Certification Class–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 17-19 Swing for the Fence Baseball Tournament
- 18 Triathlon–Tupelo Aquatic Center/Veterans Park
- 24-26 Charlie Close Tennis Tournament
Shockwave Invitational Long Course Swim Meet–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 25 Noleput
Chillin' & Grillin' Disc Golf Tournament

May

- 1-30 Tupelo Strong Tornado Exhibit–Oren Dunn City Museum
- 2 Dudie Burger Festival
- 4 Challenger Softball Begins
- 5 Summer Day Camp Registration
- Track & Field Registration
- 8-10 The Dance Baseball Tournament
- Special Olympic State Games Biloxi, Mississippi
- 15-17 Let the Bat Do the Talking Baseball Tournament
- JT Neely Softball Tournament
- 16-17 President's Cup Soccer Tournament
- 22 School's Out for Summer Party–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 23 Summer Hours begin for Tupelo Aquatic Center
- Splash Pad Opens
- 23-24 Southern National Disc Golf Tournament
- 25 Memorial Day Ceremony–Veterans Park
- Open Recreational Swim–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 29-31 Get 'R Done AAA Major Baseball Tournament
- 30 TPRD Track & Field Meet

June

- 1 CC Augustus Pool Opens
- Summer Day Camp Begins
- 1-19 Fall Registration for Soccer, Cheerleading, Flag Football
- 5-7 TSA Fastpitch Classic Softball Tournament
- 8-12 Museum Summer Camp–Oren Dunn Museum
- 12-14 The Cream Will Rise to the Top Baseball Tournament
- 12-14 Gum Tree Classic Softball Tournament
- 18 World's Largest Swimming Lesson–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 18-21 USSSA Baseball State Tournament
- 19-21 TSA Tune Up (Softball Tournament)
- 26-28 Shockwave Invitational Long Course Swim Meet–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 29-July 1 Tennis Mini Camp

July

- 4 All-America City Family Picnic in the Park
- 6-31 Adult Fall League Registration for Softball, Kickball
- 10-12 Tupelo Junior Open Tennis Tournament
- ASA 10UC/12UC Fastpitch State Softball Tournament
- 13-Aug. 7 TopSoccer Registration
- 24 CC Augustus Pool Closes for the Summer
- 24-26 3v3 Basketball Jamboree

August

- 13-31 East India Heritage Month–Oren Dunn City Museum
- 1 Cheerleading Workshop
- 2 Tupelo Aquatic Center Summer Hours end
- 3-8 Southern Zone Championships–Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 10 Family Camp Out Registration Begins
- 14 Tupelo Aquatic Center–Fall/Winter Hours Begin
- 14-16 Tri-Level Tennis Tournament
- 15 Flag Football Opening Day
- 18 Adult Fall League Begins
- 21-23 TSA Back to School Bash
- 28-30 ASA Men's D National Tournament

September

- 1-30 Boy Scout Month—Oren Dunn City Museum
- 1-18 Youth Basketball Registration
- 4 Back to School Splash—Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 12 Touch-A-Truck-Ballard Park
- Chillin' & Grillin' Disc Golf Tournament
- 14 TopSoccer Begins
- 15 Fall Recreational Soccer Begins
- 18-19 Living History Days Oren Dunn City Museum
- 18-20 TSA Fall Frenzy Softball Tournament
- 19-20 Adidas Invitational Soccer Tournament
- 21-Oct. 9 Challenger Basketball Registration
- 25 Family Camp Out at Veterans Park

October

- 17 Native American Demonstration—Oren Dunn City Museum
- BarktoberFest/Zombie Run
- 24 Pick Your Pumpkin from Our Patch—Tupelo Aquatic Center
- Dogtrot Rockabilly Festival—Oren Dunn City Museum
- 26 Therapeutic Halloween Dance
- 29 Trunk-or-Treat/Halloween Egg Hunt
- 29 Fall Soccer Ends

November

- 2-30 Fossil Exhibit Oren Dunn City Museum
- 5 Adult Fall League Ends
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony-Veterans Park
- 13-15 Girls' Junior Cup Soccer Tournament
- Shockwave Invitational Swim Meet—Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 19-21 High School Soccer Jamboree
- 27 Drop & Shop-Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 30 Lighting of the Park
- Annual Toy Exhibit-Oren Dunn City Museum

December

- 1-30 Annual Toy Exhibit—Oren Dunn City Museum
- 4-6 Chris Cringle Tennis Classic
- 5 Youth Basketball Begins
- 13 Customer Appreciation Day—Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 17-20 Lifeguard Class—Tupelo Aquatic Center

Youth Recreational Softball League

The youth girl's recreation softball leagues offer T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Fast and/or Modified Pitch leagues that are played at Veterans Park Complex. This is an instructional league aimed to teach the fundamentals of softball.

Registration Dates: January 20 - Feb 6

Estimated Start Date: April 11

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thurs, some Saturdays

Ages: 4 - 14 (Age as of December 31, 2014)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



Competitive Softball

Tupelo Express Competitive Softball holds open try-outs. The girls are selected on their scores on several aspects of the game. Girls selected for the competitive teams will compete in tournaments around the state.

Try Out Date: Late July or Early August 2015

Start Date: TBA

Days of Week: TBA

Ages: 7 - 16



Youth Basketball League

This League is open to both boys and girls. Games are played in a gym provided by the Tupelo Public Schools. We use drop down goals for the youngest age groups to help them become fundamentally sound.

Registration Dates: September 1 - 18

Estimated Start Date: December 5

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Saturday

Ages: 6 - 14 (Age as of September 1, 2015)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



Youth Recreational Baseball

The recreational baseball program's goal is to teach the basic fundamentals and sportsmanship. The baseball complex has 13 lighted fields located at Sportsplex with restrooms and concession.

Registration Dates: January 20 - Feb 6

Estimated Start Date: April 13

Days of Week: Mon, Tue and Thursday

Ages: 4 - 18 (Age before May 1, 2015)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



Peewee Football

The North Mississippi Peewee Football League was founded in 2004 so all kids from all walks of life can learn the game of football. With the cooperation of Tupelo Park and Rec. and the surrounding high schools this program is a huge success. We are also associated with the national organization of USA Youth football. Since this program has been going on we have had anywhere from 170 to 200 kids every year.

Registration Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8; 9 am–12 pm at Gum Tree Park (come prepared to run)

Estimated Start Date: September 7

Website: NMPFL on Facebook

Phone: 662-231-6467

Ages: 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12

Cost: \$150.00 This covers entire uniform, the player provides cleats.
Contact Russell Verell for more information on fees.



Tupelo Seahawks

The Tupelo Seahawks Youth Football Teams and Cheer Squad is an organization dedicated to the proper training and coaching of youth athletics in our city. We emphasize dedication, teamwork, and above all, the respect for others. Our teams competes in a highly competitive youth football league. Each Seahawk football coach and Cheer coordinator is certified through the American Youth Football (AYF) organization, the largest youth competitive sports organization in the Southeast...

Our coaches have collegiate football experience, and volunteer their time to teach each child the things that are necessary to be successful in sports while in middle school, high school, and beyond. All the while instilling values that will help them overcome some of life's toughest obstacles.

Registration Dates: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, Spring Break week 2015 4:30pm - 6:30pm
at Robins Field (behind Church St School)

Practice begins: April 4, 11-12 yrs old

May 2, 9-10 yrs old

June 6, 6-8 yrs old

Estimated Start Date: August (The date is TBA)

Fees: \$140 per child (uniform and insurance included)

Contact Info: LaMon Partlow 662-322-5493 (Football)

Ronda Banks 662-610-1943 (Cheer)



Like us on Facebook: [Tupelo Seahawks Youth Football](#) or [Tupelo Seahawks Cheer](#)

Tupelo Rangers Baseball

This league provides the citizens of Tupelo and Lee County a competitive level of baseball. There are three lighted fields located at Theron Nichols Park and a lighted field at City Park. Both have restroom facilities.

Registration Dates: July Annual Try-outs

Estimated Season: August - October & February - June

Days of Week: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Weekends

Ages: 7 - 14 (Age before May 1, 2016)



Youth Recreational Flag Football

This league provides the citizens of Tupelo a recreational program to teach the basic fundamentals and to learn sportsmanship. There are five lighted fields located at Sportsplex with restrooms, concession, walking track, skate park, and playground area.

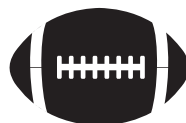
Registration Dates: June 1 - 19

Estimated Start Date: August 15

Days of Week: Monday

Ages: 6 - 11 (Age as of September 1, 2015)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



Cheerleading

Everyone that signs up for cheerleading will be a cheerleader for our youth flag football and youth basketball programs. Three clinics will be conducted by high school cheerleaders.

Cheer Workshop: August 1

Cost: Free

Registration: June 1 - 19

Estimated Start Date: August 16 Opening Ceremonies

Ages: 6 - 13 (Age as of September 1, 2015)

Cost: \$15 per child

*Cost does not include uniform.



Tupelo Youth Soccer

Tupelo Youth Soccer is designed to promote and teach the game of soccer to all the youth of Tupelo. Soccer is played in the Fall and Spring of each year and all games are played at the beautiful Ballard Park Sportsplex.

Registration Dates: June 1 - 19

Estimated Start Date: September 15

Days of Week: Mon, Tue & Thurs

Ages: 4 - 18 boys and girls (Age as of July 31, 2015)

Cost: \$50 city residents

\$60 Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$75 Lee County resident



Tupelo Futbol Club

Tupelo Futbol Club's purpose is to provide players with the best available training and coaching to help them improve their team and individual skills. TFC seeks to provide every player with the opportunities both on and off the field that will help them advance to the highest level. TFC also hopes to create a program that all players, parents and spectators will be proud of and that they will represent the community with pride.

Try-out Dates: TBA

Estimated Start Date: August 1

Ages: 10 - 18 boys and girls (Age as of July 31, 2015)



USTA Junior Team Tennis

Involves ongoing development throughout the summer for advanced and aspiring tournament players. Conditioning, shot selection, and strategy will be emphasized with drills and match play. Offers the opportunity to play on teams in leagues that emphasize fun, fitness, and friends. Teams are organized to match players of similar age and ability. Contact 662-687-2445 for more information.

Summer Registration Dates: April 28 - May 16 online at www.mstennis.com

Estimated Start Date: May 26 - July 11

Ages: 18 & under

Cost: \$39 - includes 1 year USTA membership

\$20 - for current USTA members through the end of July



Individual Tennis Lessons

Individual and semi-private lessons are available upon request for those who wish to develop and improve specific skills. All instructional programs offered are designed to allow each individual to progress at their own pace and to the extent of their ability. Team coaching is available. All lessons are taught at Rob Leake City Park Tupelo Tennis Facility. Contact our tennis pros at 662-687-2445.

Spring & Fall Adult Softball Leagues

There are a variety of leagues available for churches, recreational, competitive, and co-ed. Tupelo will continue to offer a fall softball league with men's and women's leagues. ASA rules will be in effect with a few local league rules. Games will be played at Eastwood Complex / Veteran's Complex.

Registration Dates: Spring: Feb. 9 - March 6; Fall: July 6 - 31

Spring Start Date: March 31, 2015

Fall Start Date: August 18, 2015

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men & Women

Cost: \$375 per team to City of Tupelo



Adult Soccer League

Tupelo Youth Soccer Association is now offering a spring adult soccer league. This is a great opportunity to socialize, exercise and compete competitively.

Registration Dates: January 1, 2015–February 27, 2015

Estimated Start Date: March 25, 2015

Day of Week: Monday

Ages: 18 & up

Cost: \$40



Adult Flag Football League

There are a variety of leagues available for churches, recreational, competitive, and co-ed.

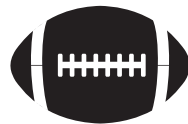
Registration Dates: July 6 - 31

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men & Women

Cost: \$275 per team to the City of Tupelo

Estimated start date - August 18



Adult Kickball League

Registration Dates: July 6 - July 31

Estimated Start Date: August 18, 2015

Day of the Week: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men and Women

Cost: \$100 per team



Adult & Senior Tennis Leagues

These leagues are coordinated through USTA, Southern Tennis Association (STA), and the Mississippi Tennis Association (MTA). All players must be current members of the USTA for the entire local league season. These are fun and exciting leagues to engage in friendly competition. All players, teams, and local leagues must abide by all applicable USTA, STA, and MTA rules and regulations, which can be found at www.mstennis.com. All home matches will be played at Rob Leake City Park Tupelo Tennis Facility. For more information contact Tupelo Tennis Academy at 662-687-2445.

Track & Field

Track and Field games are coming back to Tupelo. Kids 6-14 are encouraged to do their best in events like running, jumping and throwing. Your child can be part of the fun. Check the Tupelo Parks & Recreation website for local meet information.

Registration: May 5 (Until Full)

Date of Event: May 30

Cost: \$10.00 per child.



Punt, Pass and Kick Event

Punt, Pass and Kick is a program sponsored by The National Football League. Local youth in the surrounding Tupelo area can showcase their football abilities and skills. Call Parks and Recreation for location of event.

3v3 Heat Basketball

This 3v3 basketball program gives adults and youths the chance to play street type basketball in a more organized setting. (Check website for more information.)

Location: Gum Tree Park basketball courts

Registration: 30 minutes before tournament begins

Event Dates: July 24 - 26

Ages: 10 and up

Cost: FREE!



Summer Day Camp 2015

We create opportunities for fun, adventure and learning in a safe, healthy, supervised outdoor/indoor program. This program is for children that have completed kindergarten through the completion of the fifth grade. Six weeks of fun held at the Rockwell Youth Center and Augustus Center.

Registration: May 5 (Until full)

Camp: June 1 - July 17 (CLOSED week of June 29 - July 3)

Cost: \$45 per week per child (city residents)

\$40 per week per child (2 or more in family, city residents only)

\$50 per week per child (non city resident)



All Camps Super Fun Day

July 17, 2015, 12 - 3 pm

At Ballard Park, all day camps, church camps, child care facilities and learning centers are invited. Call our office to get in on this Super Summer Event, 841-6440.

- Camp Competition
- Arts and Crafts
- Water Events
- Face painting
- Sack races
- Tug-of-war
- and more

**Sponsorships and donations welcome.*



Year Round Aquatic Facility

Tupelo Aquatic Center

692 North Veterans Blvd

662-840-3768

www.tupeloaquatics.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday @ 6am-8pm

Wednesday @ 6am-6pm

Saturday @ 8am-6pm

Sunday @ 1pm-5pm

Programs Available:

Adult Water Fitness Classes

Structured Classes

Aqua Zumba®, Water Works, N2 the Deep, Golden Waves

Un-Structured Classes

Paddleboarding, Lap Swimming, Water Walking, Splish Splash

Adult Swim Lessons (Group, Private, and Semi-Private)

Masters Swim Program

Children Water Fitness Classes

Kids Power Hour

Youth Group Swim Lessons

Youth Private and Semi-Private Swim Lessons

Shockwave

School Field Trips

Pool Parties

Lifeguard Certification Classes

Water Safety Instructor Courses

Open Recreational Swim

Open Community Recreational Swim Program

(General Admission: \$3.00/person)

January 2 – May 17 2015

Friday @ 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday @ 1-6pm

Sunday @ 1-5pm

May 23 – August 2

Tuesday – Sunday @ 1-5pm

August 14 – December 22

Friday @ 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday @ 1-6pm

Sunday @ 1-5pm



**SPLASH PASSES
AVAILABLE!**

C.C. Augustus Pool

1400 N. Green Street

Season runs June 1 - July 24

Monday-Friday (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.) (Closes at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays)

Admission \$2.00 for swimmers and non-swimmers

**Private Parties available on weekends during the season. \$250.00. Contact Barbara Aguirre at 840-3768 for more information.*

Lifeguard Certification Class

The lifeguard training course prepares individuals to assume the duties and responsibilities of lifeguards at the swimming pools and non-surf open swim water beaches and waterparks. This course provides the knowledge and skills designed to save the life of another person in the event of an emergency. The training course is 25 hours. The lifeguard class will be taught at the Tupelo Aquatic Center. Prerequisites are passing the pre-course test which involves swimming 300 yards continuously, treading water for two minutes (without using hands) and retrieving a diving brick (approximately 10 lbs.) from 7 - 12 feet of water within 80 seconds.

Start Date: Class 1: February 12 - 14

Class 2: March 11 - 13

Class 3: April 16 - 19

Class 4: December 17 - 20

Ages: 15 & up

Cost: \$275 (Additional \$35 for Blended Learning Course)

Recertification Cost: \$150



Senior Aquatic Classes

Get into shape this year with the natural resistance of water. These classes are held in shallow water that lets you workout without putting additional stress on your muscles, bones and joints. We also offer programs for the recreational lap swimmers. All programs are conducted at Tupelo Aquatic Center. Locker rooms and showers are available. Classes must have eight participants to make.

Contact Tupelo Aquatic Center for more information at 840-3768.



Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club is a group for senior adults 50 years and older. The group is a great way to meet other seniors within the Tupelo area. The YAH club meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday nights of the month at the Bel-Air Center. Each night there is music and dancing. Special programs which usually involve holiday programming/dress-up events are scheduled throughout the year. Each participant pays \$5.00 per person each Thursday. Except catered events are \$7.00 per person.

Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club

The Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club is an outlet for social interaction with individuals who enjoy ballroom dancing or those interested in learning. Free classes are offered at the The Dance Studio each Monday night. A dance is held each month. For more information on upcoming dance dates, times, location please visit www.tupeloballroomdance.blogspot.com

Duplicate Bridge Clubs

- The Tupelo Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Bel-Air Center at 1:30 on Sunday and 1:00pm on Fridays.
- The Grand Slam Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1pm on Wednesdays & Fridays at the Bel-Air Center.
- Our Bridge Club is affiliated with the American Contract Bridge League with a membership of over 600,000 and a network throughout the world for competition.



Duplicate Bridge is a game of skill, not chance. The club always needs and welcomes new players.

Lively Hearts Club

The Lively Hearts Club is a group of senior citizens that meet at the C.C. Augustus Center the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Activities include walks around the track at Robins Field, bingo, card games, art, crafts, special events, community guest and lunch.

Challenger League Sports

Challenger League is open to all ages 5 and up with physical and mental disabilities. This league is established to provide an athletic outlet for all individuals regardless of their abilities. This league participates in softball, soccer, and basketball.

Registration Date: Basketball - Sept. 21 - Oct. 9

Softball - Mar. 23 - April 10

Soccer - July 13 - Aug. 9

Start Date:

Basketball - Nov. 2

Softball - May 4

Soccer - Sept. 14

Day of Week: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays (1 day per week)

Ages: 5 and up

Cost: \$10 per person

CHALLENGER

Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center

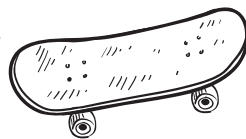
662-841-3791, 2107 Country Club Road, Pat Clark, Director

The Bel-Air Center is open Monday 9–12, Tuesday 9–4, and Thursday 9–3. Various activities are available on a daily basis in which anyone 50 plus can participate. We offer scrapbooking classes, arts/crafts, card games, line dance classes, small group discussion, and other personal workshops. Come join quite an active group of individuals who love to stay busy and have fun! Call Pat Clark with any questions about the Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center or stop by and see what it has to offer.

Tupelo Skate Park

The Tupelo Skate Park is located in Ballard Park on the West Side of the Oren Dunn Museum. It is a 12,000 square feet, 2 level concrete and steel park.

The park is open from sunrise until 10 p.m. every day of the year.



Tupelo Bark Park

No dog too big or too small. Come one come all....

Check out our Facebook page Tupelo Bark Park for 2015 events hosted at the dog park.



Tupelo Disc Golf

Disc golf is played like regular golf but instead of using golf balls and clubs you use a plastic disc like a Frisbee. The object is to throw your disc from a designated "tee pad" area towards a metal basket surrounded by chains. Once your disc is in the basket, you've completed the hole. Tupelo has four disc golf courses in the Park and Recreation System. Three courses are at Veterans Park and the other at Ballard Park.

Jan 3rd Club Championship Veterans Park/JT Neely Building

April 25th Club event day Chillin' and Grillin Veterans Park/JT Neely building

May 23-24 Southern National Pro Championships Veterans Park/JT Neely building

September 12th Club event Chillin' and Grillin' Veterans Park/JT Neely Building

For more information on Tupelo Disc Golf visit: www.tupelodiscgolf.com or www.facebook.com/BallardParkDiscGolf

Tupelo Running Club - 2015 Race Series

The Tupelo Race Series was started to honor Lisa Russell. Runners battle for bragging rights and cash prizes for competing in series races.

Please visit www.racesonline.com for race listings.



Community Events

Children's Fishing Rodeo

The Fishing Rodeo will be held [April 11, 2015 at Veterans Park](#). Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, bait, tackle, and the whole family. Children ages 3-15 can participate from 9am-Noon, and then the event will be open to the public. This is a great event for the entire family! Free Event!

Azalea Festival

East Tupelo Presley Heights annual Azalea Festival includes area yard tours of beautiful azaleas, live entertainment, food, arts and crafts and children's activities. This year's event is [April 11, 2015 at Veteran's Park](#).

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

The 5th annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Tupelo Aquatic Center, 692 North Veterans Blvd., Tupelo, MS, [March 28, 2015 from 9am until 10:30am](#). Plastic eggs will be scattered thru out the Elvis Presley pool at the facility. Some of the eggs will be on the bottom while most will be floating on top of the water. Ages 5 years to 12 years of age are welcome to participate. If you cannot swim independently, we do have life jackets for rent during the egg hunt but must have an adult in the water with your non-swimmer. Swimsuits must be worn. We will have inflatables available for participants to play on in the competition pool. Pre-registration will be required. Come by the Tupelo Aquatic Center from March 1-21, 2015 to register and pay. Cost is \$5.00 per participant. No Refunds.

Halloween Egg Hunt / Trunk or Treat

Bring all your little spooks out to the Tupelo Cross Country Trail on [October 29, 2015 at 6pm](#) for the Halloween Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat. There will be trunks full of candy and an egg hunt with toys and candy. This event is for kids 12 and under. Admission is one bag of candy per family. Don't forget your flashlights! Volunteers are needed to decorate trunks—prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk.

Family Camp Out at Veterans Park

The camp out will be held [Friday, September 25th, 2015 at Veterans Park](#), and all the fun begins at 4pm. Bring your tents and sleeping bags and you'll be ready to take part in all the activities. Whether you are a seasoned camper or a newbie, this campout is for you! Cost for the Family Fun Campout is [\\$5.00 per person. Children under age 2 are FREE](#). To register, call 662-841-6440. Space is limited.

All-America City Family Picnic in the Park

The biggest 4th of July celebration in North Mississippi is here in Tupelo. The crowds get larger each year with all of the activities packed into the event. There is prime entertainment for all ages, a variety of food in the vendor food court area, and fun activities for the kids. Come to Ballard Park and celebrate with all of your friends and neighbors. This year's event will be held [July 4, 2015](#).

Touch-A-Truck

This program is designed to allow children to touch, climb, and explore trucks and heavy machinery and to learn what purpose the vehicle serves in our community. Vehicles of all types will be on site and various staff of the vehicles will be present for your children to ask questions and satisfy their curiosities. The event will take place [Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Ballard Park](#). This is a free event and great for the whole family.

Noleput

Noleput is a New Orleans style street festival taking place on [Saturday, April 25th in downtown Tupelo](#). Great music, food and fun!

Pick Your Pumpkin from Our Patch

The Tupelo Aquatic Center will turn into the Great Floating Pumpkin Patch in the Elvis Presley Pool on [October 24, 2015 from 9 am until 10:30 am](#). Ages 5 years to 12 years of age are welcome to participate. If you cannot swim, life jackets will be available for rent but also must have an adult in water with the non-swimmer. Kids can pick a pumpkin from our in-water pumpkin patch. The participants will swim around the pool and pick out the pumpkin that suits their fancy! Kids can enjoy the inflatables that will be out that morning in the competition pool. Swim suits must be worn. Pre-registration will be required. Come to the Tupelo Aquatic Center from Oct. 1-18, 2015 to register and pay. Cost is \$5.00 per participant. No Refunds

The Annual Christmas Lighting of Ballard Park and Oren Dunn Museum

This event includes local school choirs, open house at Tupelo Parks and Recreation, train rides and the annual toy exhibit at the Oren Dunn Museum. This event also includes an opportunity for a meet and greet and photos with the Grinch. The Lighting will take place [Monday, November 30th, 2015 at 6:00pm](#).

City Wide Sidewalk Sale

One man's trash is another man's treasure! Purchase a 10X10 space for \$30.00 and turn all that clutter into CASH! The City-Wide Sidewalk Sale will be held [Saturday, April 11, 2015](#) at Veterans Park! You can begin purchasing green space on February 2nd, 2015. Vendor is responsible for your own tents, tables, and transporting merchandise to your space from the parking lot. Contact Shanta Eiland at 841-6440 for more information.

BarktoberFest

The BarktoberFest will be held [Saturday, October 17, 2015](#) at the Tupelo Bark Park. This event is tailor made for pets and their families to play, seek pet information & products, and enjoy all things....DOG! Come enjoy music, food and vendors. Contact Shanta Eiland at 841-6440 for more information.

Krewe of Barkus

Krewe of Barkus is a pet parade in celebration of Mardi Gras. We encourage you, your families & your pets to dress up in true festive Mardi Gras attire. You have the opportunity to design floats using wagons and vehicles of all types in celebration of "Fat Tuesday!" Bring beads, dog toys etc. to throw out into the crowd. This event takes place [February 14, 2015 @ 10:00am in Veterans Park](#).

Zombie Fun Run

The Zombie Fun Run is open to kids of all ages, however, kids under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. This event will take place [Saturday, October 17th, 2015 at the Tupelo Cross Country Trail at Ballard Park](#). Pre-Registration fee is \$15.00 (August 31st-October 2nd) and includes a t-shirt. After October 2nd, the registration fee will be \$20.00 until the day of the run. Registration fee the day of the run will start at 6pm and will be \$25.00. Individuals who register late or the day of the race will not be guaranteed a t-shirt. The race will begin at 7:15pm.

Volunteers are needed for the race, so if you would like to be a zombie or to help with zombie makeup, contact Shanta Eiland at 662-841-6440.

Dogtrot Rockabilly Festival

Celebrate the roots of Rock and Roll on the front porch of the Dogtrot House, [Saturday, October 24](#).

Dudie Burger Festival

Oren Dunn City Museum celebrates the Dudie Burger, created by Dudie Christian and sold in Dudie's Diner, formerly a Memphis street car. Relive the by-gone era of the dough burger, doo-whop music, and fun times at Dudie's Diner.

Parks & Amenities

Aycock Park (.5 Acres)

Picnic tables and grill

Ballard Park (153 Acres)

3 Acre lake, 1 gazebo, 2 pavilions, 1 stage, 3 restroom facilities, Skate Park, disc golf course, 2 playgrounds, 2.75 mile trail, cross country trail, LifeTrail Fitness system, 1 maintenance building, 20 picnic tables, 2 sand volleyball courts, Oren Dunn Museum, Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 16 lighted multi-purpose fields, 1 athletic operation Center.

Baseball Fields at Sportsplex (55 Acres)

9 baseball fields, pavilion, concession stand, picnic area, 1.2 mile cross country course

Bel-Air Golf Course (72 Acres)

1 nine hole golf course, 1 senior recreation facility and club house, 1 maintenance facility.

Bristow Park (.6 Acre)

1 playground, 1 swing set, .15 mile trail.

C.C. Augustus (.7 Acre)

85,000 gallon swimming pool, 1 recreation/meeting facility, support building for pool.

Chandler Park (.5 Acre)

Swing set

Eastwood Softball Complex (35 Acres)

4 softball fields, 2 concession stands, 2 covered areas, maintenance shed.

Gateway Park (3.3 Acres)

2 water features, 3 pavilions, 1780 feet of trail.

Gumtree Park (22 Acres)

8 outdoor courts, 2 multi purpose fields, 1 pavilion, picnic tables, playground, amphitheater, and 1 mile walking trail.

Gunn Club Park (9 Acres)

1 pavilion, playground, 1 mile trail.

Hancock Park (9.8 acres)

3 Outdoor courts, 1 pavilion, 2 playgrounds, .25 mile trail

Haven Acres Park (1 Acre)

1 pavilion, 1 playground structure, .15 mile trail.

Lee Acres Park (4 Acres)

2 basketball courts, 1 lighted ball field, 1 playground, 1 recreational facility.

Old Mill Town Park (1.2 Acres)

2 outdoor courts, 1 playground, .125 mile trail.

Rob Leake City Park (34 Acres)

17 lighted tennis courts, 1 outdoor basketball court, 2 lighted ball fields, pro shop, 2 pavilions, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .5 mile trail, 1 recreation/meeting facility.

Robins Field (9 Acres)

playground, .25 mile trail.

Theron Nichols Park (35 Acres)

3 lighted ballfields, 6 picnic sites, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .25 mile trail, 1 concession stand/pressbox, sand volleyball court.

Tupelo Bark Park (1 Acre)

Large dog play area, small dog play area, covered entry way with benches, picnic table, watering station, 2.5 mile Music Bend Trail.

Veteran's Park (206 Acres)

Tupelo Aquatic Center, 3 pavilions, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .5 mile trail, LifeTrail Fitness system, 3 disc golf courses, 4 field softball complex with support facilities, splashpad, and Veterans Memorial.

**All parks are free and open to the public with the exception of certain events.*

Oren Dunn City Museum

Housed in a 1937 dairy barn, the Oren Dunn City Museum offers a unique view into the past. The Museum features exhibits on the milestones in Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi History such as the 1864 Battle of Harrisburg, the 1936 Tupelo tornado, and the hospital on the hill. The collection includes objects that reflect local history focusing mainly on agriculture, industry, fossils, and other local memorabilia. The Museum grounds house a large collection of buildings that highlight Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi history: 1870s Dog-Trot cabin, church and school, two Tupelo Fire Trucks, 1948 Lee County Book Mobile, Memphis trolley car turned local eatery Dudie's Diner, and Frisco Caboose.

Along with our permanent exhibits, the museum hosts several seasonal exhibits, which include Quilts, Toys, African-American History, Annual Holiday Exhibit; the museum has several educational programs including a museum summer camp, living history days, and festivals.

Visitor Information:

662-841-6438, Fax: 662-841-6458

Email: Rae.Mathis@tupeloms.gov

Website: www.orendunnmuseum.org

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday, Monday, and City of Tupelo holidays

Hours may vary for special events

Admission:

Adults - \$3.00

Seniors (60 & over) - \$2.00

Children (4-12) - \$1.50

Children under 3 - Free

Please call for School Group
and Adult Group Rates

Location: 689 Rutherford Road, Tupelo, MS 38801. Rutherford Road runs South off of West Main Street on the East Side of Ballard Park.



